



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

**NUMBER FIFTY-SIX (99)**

### **VIRGINIA ENERGY PLAN**

A comprehensive approach to energy management is critical to advancing energy efficiency and conservation in Virginia's state government operations. This approach has the potential to reduce the operating cost of state government, extend the use of Virginia's coal and gas reserves, improve energy efficiency, reduce pollution produced by government operations, stimulate a growing economy, and preserve natural resources.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Chapter 5 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby direct the Governor's Secretaries and all executive branch agencies to implement the Virginia Energy Plan, consistent with their statutory authority, in order to reduce energy costs and consumption in state government operations and to advance energy efficiency and economic competitiveness in Virginia.

The Virginia Energy Plan is applicable to all state agencies to the extent that it is consistent with the statutory authority of those agencies. I hereby assign specific responsibilities for the implementation of the Virginia Energy Plan to the following:

### **Responsibilities of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade**

The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall be responsible for providing guidance and direction for energy policy and conservation planning. Specifically the Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall:

- A. Integrate energy efficiency and conservation policies into the operations and programs of state government through the Virginia Energy Plan;
- B. Encourage economic development of emerging energy technologies and Virginia's indigenous energy resources;
- C. Coordinate with other Secretaries where activities and programs are shared among secretarial areas;
- D. Report on accomplishments under the Virginia Energy Plan to the Governor; and
- E. Resolve differences between participating agencies when agreement cannot be reached among them.

### **Responsibilities of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy**

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) shall be responsible for coordinating and implementing the Virginia Energy Plan. Specifically, DMME shall:

- A. Review, revise, and maintain the Virginia Energy Plan through collaboration with other state agencies;
- B. Execute the strategies designated to it;
- C. Draw on expertise of other agencies and Virginia businesses to ensure the successful execution of Virginia Energy Plan strategies;

- D. Provide guidance and training to other agencies to ensure the successful execution of the Virginia Energy Plan;
- E. Maintain a system to monitor and report energy costs and consumption for state-owned facilities; and
- F. Report on accomplishments under the Virginia Energy Plan to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

### **Responsibilities of All Executive Branch Agencies**

To accomplish the goals, objectives, and strategies of the Virginia Energy Plan, each executive agency and institution shall:

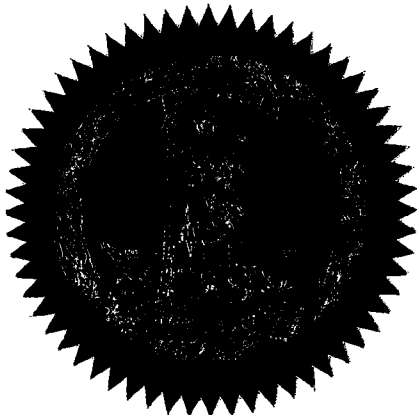
- A. Execute the strategies designated to the agency or institution in the Virginia Energy Plan;
- B. Implement an energy management plan in an orderly and timely manner and undertake modifications to internal agency operations and programs consistent with the goals and objectives of the Virginia Energy Plan and state law;
- C. Designate an agency energy manager and authorize staff involvement in the accomplishment of the Virginia Energy Plan, including participation in task forces, training, plan implementation, and reporting; and
- D. Monitor and report energy costs and consumption and progress on implementation of the energy management plan to DMME.

This Executive Order replaces Executive Memorandum 1-97, Revised Virginia Energy Plan, issued May 1, 1997, by Governor George Allen.

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This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and remain in full force and effect until superseded or rescinded by further executive action.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 3rd day of September, 1999.



  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth